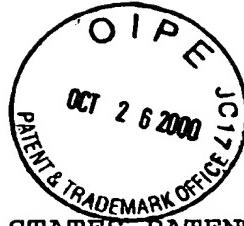


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In re Application of)
Giovanni Abatangelo et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
Serial No.: 09/445,604) Examiner: Stroup, C.
Filed: December 7, 1999)

For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL
CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL
MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

New York, NY 10036
October 23, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the
Office Action that was mailed May 23, 2000.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 13, in the Table of Data, under the term "% live cells"
delete "A, B, C and D" and insert the numbers --1, 2, 3 and 4--

Page 14, in the Table of Data, under the term "% live cells",
delete "A, B and C" and insert the numbers --1, 2 and 3--

IN THE AMENDMENT DATED JUNE 5, 2000

Please cancel claims numbered 29-57 which were added by this
Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS